



## MEET A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER GETTING TO KNOW KRIS KAISER

From fire suppression to fire investigation, Kris Kaiser does it all. A Bloomington volunteer firefighter since 1999, captain of Fire Station 3, and a Fire Inspector since 2006, Kaiser has enjoyed working in all areas of Bloomington fire service. In fact, Kaiser moved to Bloomington from Apple Valley for the sole purpose of joining the Bloomington Fire Department.



**Q Why do you wear a white helmet?** *I'm part of the Chief 7 program that takes fire captains from different stations and puts us in a chief squad. This gives us the opportunity to respond to incidents as chiefs would and gain experience in making command decisions.*

**Q How do you stay safe on a call?** *Training and education are the keys to safety. The Bloomington Fire Department trains all firefighters in a wide range of technical skills, so we know when we go out on a call, we're prepared.*

**Q What aspect of your job as a Fire Inspector do you enjoy most?** *I enjoy that every day is different. Some days I do hotel or school inspections, other days I'll be out conducting a fire investigation. Each day is a little different and that is what I really enjoy.*

**Q What is the biggest challenge you face in balancing work and personal life?** *The biggest challenge I face is time. I'm fortunate that my wife is very understanding when it comes to interrupted dinners and missed family functions.*

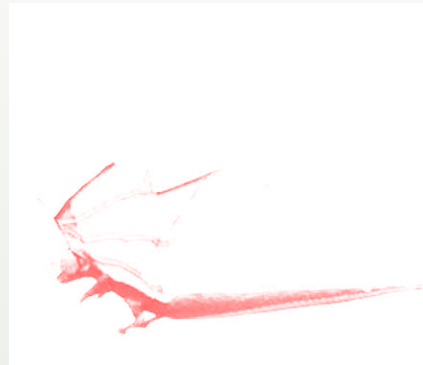
**Q Is there anything you do that isn't related to fire or fire safety?** *I go to school. I also try to spend time outdoors. I like to hunt and fish. I'd like to get back to duck hunting because I have a dog that seems to enjoy it as much as I do.*

### BECOME A FIREFIGHTER

Visit the City's website for more information on making a difference by becoming a Bloomington volunteer firefighter.

**WEBSITE KEYWORDS: FIRE VOLUNTEERS.**

## IT'S A BIRD, IT'S A PLANE, IT'S KITE DAY! MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THIS HIGH-FLYING EVENT



Kite flyers of all ages are invited to the annual Bloomington Sister City Kite Day celebration. Kite Day is a free event that takes place **Saturday, May 7, 1-4 p.m.**, at Valley View Playfield, 90th Street and Portland Avenue.

This fun-filled event honors Children's Day in Japan and will feature live entertainment, food, kites of all sizes and colors, and more. Bring your own kite or pick up a free one at the event. Prizes will be awarded.

For more information, call Bloomington Sister City at 952-563-8713 or visit [www.bloomington-izumi.org](http://www.bloomington-izumi.org).

## MOVIES AND MORE FOR TEENS



### BLOOMINGTON UNITED FOR YOUTH COFFEEHOUSE

Bloomington United for Youth (BUY) is collaborating with Human Services to bring its teen program to Creekside Community Center, 9801 Penn Avenue.

Bloomington high school students in grades 9 - 12 would be provided with their own space most nights and weekends to be used as a coffee house, movie venue and a gathering spot for games and activities. Teens would be supervised by adults who have been trained through BUY.

The coffee house is scheduled to be open late spring. For more information, visit the City's website.

**WEBSITE KEYWORD: BUY.**

### BLOOMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH FILM SOCIETY

Are you a high school student who loves to watch and talk about movies? Then the Bloomington High School Youth Film Society is for you.

The film society meets **every Friday from 3 - 5:30 p.m.**, at the Creekside library to watch and critique a variety of films from dramas to comedies. The group plans to coordinate their activities with the BUY teen program.

To join one or both groups, contact Human Services at 952-563-4944 V/TTY or [humanservices@ci.bloomington.mn.us](mailto:humanservices@ci.bloomington.mn.us).

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### GRAB YOUR APRONS AND MIXING BOWLS CELEBRITY BAKER VISITS BLOOMINGTON

Master of Blue Ribbon Baking Marjorie Johnson will be sharing her story and recipes at a special lunch event, **Monday, May 23, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.**, at Bloomington Civic Plaza, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road.

Johnson, who has appeared on the *Tonight Show* with Jay Leno, has received more than 1,000 blue ribbons for her baking in the Minnesota State Fair and national baking contests. Johnson's book, "The Road to Blue Ribbon Baking with Marjorie," will be available for purchase and autograph.

Tickets are \$6 for guests under 60 and \$3 for pre-approved NAPIS applicants. For reservations, contact Human Services at 952-563-4948 or [reservations@ci.bloomington.mn.us](mailto:reservations@ci.bloomington.mn.us).



### PATSY MINK: AHEAD OF THE MAJORITY OPENING DOORS FOR WOMEN



Join the Bloomington Human Rights Commission and Normandale Community College for a special viewing of the film *Patsy Mink: Ahead of the Majority*.

This documentary film chronicles the life of Mink from her beginnings on a Maui sugar plantation to becoming the first Asian-American woman in the United States Congress.

A special panel discussion will take place following the film. This free event will take place at Normandale Community College, 9700 France Avenue South. Dinner will be provided.

For reservations, contact Human Services at 952-563-4948 or [reservations@ci.bloomington.mn.us](mailto:reservations@ci.bloomington.mn.us).

### TOGETHER WE STAND UNITED AGAINST UNDERAGE DRINKING

Tri-City Partners (TCP) Coalition for Healthy Youth and Communities is a group of Bloomington, Edina and Richfield community members who work to promote health and build assets for youth in their communities.



In partnership with the TCP Coalition, Bloomington Police Chief Jeffrey Potts will be sending an open letter to the community, encouraging parents and community members to take the lead on preventing underage drinking.

For more information or to read the letter, visit the City's website.

**WEBSITE KEYWORDS: TOGETHER WE STAND.**

## BOOST YOUR BRAIN HEALTH

### DAKIM BRAIN FITNESS SYSTEM

Just 20 minutes per day of fun and engaging brain exercises can help improve your memory, focus and concentration while fighting the threat of cognitive decline.

Human Services invites you to try the Dakim Brain Fitness System at Creekside Community Center, 9801 Penn Avenue South.

For more information, call Human Services at 952-563-4944 V/TTY.

## RECYCLE AND REUSE

### DROP OFF OLD CELL PHONES AT CREEKSIDE



Do you have a cell phone that you no longer use? Human Services can help you put it to good use. If you have a cell phone and charger less than five years old, drop it off at Creekside Community Center, 9801 Penn Avenue South.

Human Services, in partnership with Qwest Pioneers, will take your old cell phone and refurbish it to call 911. The phones will then be donated to Bloomington residents, age 55 and older, or individuals with medical conditions who do not have phones.

For more information, call Human Services at 952-563-4944 V/TTY.

**WEBSITE KEYWORDS: CELL PHONES.**